United Nations A/66/462

General Assembly

Distr.: General
29 November 2011

Original: English

Sixty-sixth session
Agenda item 69

Promotion and protection of human rights

Report of the Third Committee*

Rapporteur: Ms. Kadra Ahmed **Hassan** (Djibouti)

I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled:

"Promotion and protection of human rights:

"(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

"(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

"(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

"(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action"

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. An account of the Third Committee's consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Item 69
Promotion and protection of human rights

Letter dated 1 June 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/87), transmitting resolutions adopted by the 124th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Panama City from 15 to 20 April 2011

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbol A/66/462 and Add.1-4.

11-61220 (E) 061211

Please recycle

Item 69 (a)
Implementation of human rights instruments

Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 100th, 101st and 102nd sessions (A/66/40) (vols. I and II)

Report of the Committee against Torture on its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions (A/66/44)

Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families on its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (A/66/48)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its first to fourth sessions (A/66/55)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/66/217)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/66/276)

Report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve further the effectiveness, harmonization and reform of the treaty body system (A/66/344)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-third meeting (A/66/175)

Note by the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/66/259)

Item 69 (b)
Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and cultural diversity (A/66/161)

Report of the Secretary-General on protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/66/204)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/66/216)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Human Rights Learning (A/66/225)

Report of the Secretary-General on the protection of migrants (A/66/253)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/66/272)

Report of the Secretary-General on the national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/66/274)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/66/276)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (A/66/284)

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/66/293)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization (A/66/314)

Report of the Secretary-General on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/66/325)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent (A/66/342 and Add.1)

Report of the Secretary-General on combating defamation of religions (A/66/372)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/66/156)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders (A/66/203)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/66/254)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food (A/66/262)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting an overview of the activities carried out by the outgoing Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants (A/66/264)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (A/66/265)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/66/268)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education (A/66/269)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (A/66/270)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights (A/66/271)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children (A/66/283)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (A/66/285)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers (A/66/289)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression (A/66/290)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/66/310)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/66/330)

Item 69 (c)
Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/66/267)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/66/343)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/66/361)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/66/322)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 (A/66/358)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/66/365)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/66/374)

Note by the Secretary-General on the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the international independent commission of inquiry on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire (A/66/518)

Letter dated 24 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/66/2)

Letter dated 26 October 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/66/3)

Item 69 (d)
Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/66/36)

II. Consideration of a draft decision proposed by the Chair

4. At its 49th meeting, on 22 November, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents considered in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Third Committee

5. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents submitted under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of human rights":

Under sub-item (a):

(a) Report of the Human Rights Committee on its 100th, 101st and 102nd sessions;[1]

(b) Report of the Committee against Torture on its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions;[2]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;[3]

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;[4]

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to improve further the effectiveness, harmonization and reform of the treaty body system;[5]

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies on their twenty-third meeting;[6]

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;[7]

Under sub-item (b):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance;[8]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme of activities for the International Year for People of African Descent;[9]

---

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/66/40), vols. I and II.

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 44* (A/66/44).

[3] A/66/217.

[4] A/66/276.

[5] A/66/344.

[6] A/66/175.

[7] A/66/259.

[8] A/66/284.

[9] A/66/342 and Add.1.

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health;[10]

(d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting an overview of the activities carried out by the outgoing Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants;[11]

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights;[12]

(f) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to education;[13]

(g) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and on the right to non-discrimination in this context;[14]

(h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights;[15]

(i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;[16]

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons;[17]

(k) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers;[18]

(l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression;[19]

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions;[20]

Under sub-item (c):

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;[21]

---

[10] A/66/254.
[11] A/66/264.
[12] A/66/265.
[13] A/66/269.
[14] A/66/270.
[15] A/66/271.
[16] A/66/283.
[17] A/66/285.
[18] A/66/289.
[19] A/66/290.
[20] A/66/330.
[21] A/66/358.

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the international independent commission of inquiry on the situation of human rights in Côte d'Ivoire;[22]

Under sub-item (d):

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.[23]

---

[22] A/66/518.

[23] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 36* (A/66/36).